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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE EC REQUEST LIST FOR IMPROVEMENTS  
IN THE U.S. TARIFF OFFER

1. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES CONVEYED TO THE UNITED STATES  
ON APRIL 12, 1978, ITS REQUEST LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS IN  
THE U.S. INDUSTRIAL TARIFF OFFER. THE EC REQUESTED THAT  
THE FORMULA BE APPLIED TO ALL ITEMS PARTIALLY OR FULLY  
EXCEPTED AND SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED ABOUT 125 REQUESTS OF  
PARTICULAR INTEREST TO IT; THE NUMBER OF TSUS ITEMS  
INVOLVED IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER SINCE IT DOES NOT  
CATALOGUE THE NUMEROUS TSUS ITEMS COVERING WOVEN COTTON  
FABRICS AND WATCHES.

2. ABOUT HALF THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS COVERS TEXTILES,  
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CONCENTRATING ON U.S. PARTIAL AND FULL ECONOMIC EXCEPTIONS  
ON COTTON, WOOL, AND MANMADE FIBER FABRICS AND APPAREL.  
IN MOST OF THE REQUESTS COVERING APPAREL AND IN A FEW OF  
THE REQUESTS COVERING FABRICS, THE REQUESTED RATES EXCEED  
TRADE ACT AUTHORITY.

3. FOR SCHEDULE 5, THE REQUESTS CONCENTRATE ON DEEPER

TARIFF CUTS ON FLOOR AND WALL TILES, CERTAIN SMOKERS' ARTICLES, GLASS GLOBULES, ORDINARY GLASS, GLASS MIRRORS, LIGHTING FIXTURES, AND GLASSWARE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INEXPENSIVE GLASSWARE, THE REQUESTS FALL WITHIN TRADE ACT AUTHORITY.

4. FOR METAL PRODUCTS, THE EC IMPROVEMENT LIST CONCENTRATES ON DEEPER TARIFF CUTS FOR ROUND WIRE OF IRON AND STEEL AND WROUGHT TITANIUM (BOTH ECONOMIC EXCEPTIONS), AND ON THE PARTIAL EXCEPTIONS ON UNWROUGHT UNALLOYED TUNGSTEN, SCISSORS, AND LATCH NEEDLES. THE EC REQUEST ON SCISSORS WOULD REQUIRE TARIFF REDUCTIONS BEYOND TRADE ACT AUTHORITY.

5. FOR SCHEDULE 7, THE EC IMPROVEMENT LIST REQUESTS TARIFF CUTS ON NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR (MANDATORY EXCEPTIONS) ALONG WITH CUTS ON CERTAIN LEATHER PRODUCTS AND BICYCLES (ECONOMIC EXCEPTIONS). IN ADDITION, THE EC REQUESTS WOULD REQUIRE GREATER-THAN-TRADE ACT AUTHORITY CUTS ON CERTAIN HEADWEAR AND CERTAIN WATCHES. THE REMAINING REQUESTS FOR TARIFF CUTS ON BUTTONS, BICYCLE PARTS, TAXIMETERS, AND OTHER WATCHES FALL WITHIN THE TARIFF-CUTTING LIMITS OF THE TRADE ACT.

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